

(Washington, DC)— U.S. Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-Milwaukee) made the following statement after Wisconsin's application for Race to the Top funding was taken out of the first round:

"Race to the Top funding would have helped the schools most in need, but instead it took what should've been guaranteed and created winners and losers. Kids in Milwaukee shouldn't have to compete against kids in Chicago or anywhere else to receive the best possible education.

"Education is about equality – equality of opportunity. President Lyndon Johnson saw education as a civil rights issue. And the second we make our kids compete against each other, we move away from that view. That is a shame.

"It should be clear to all of us that Wisconsin did not lose because MPS is not under mayoral control. Education Secretary Arne Duncan has repeatedly told me that mayoral control is not necessary to receive Race to the Top funding."

###

For an interview with Congresswoman Gwen Moore, please contact David Frey at 202-225-4572.